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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)
HIROSHI SATOMI, et al.) Examiner: L. Luu
Application No.: 09/862,704) Group Art Unit: 2141
Filed: May 23, 2001)
For: INFORMATION MANAGING)
SYSTEM, INFORMATION)
MANAGING APPARATUS,)
CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR :
AND COMPUTER-READABLE)
MEMORY : June 23, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

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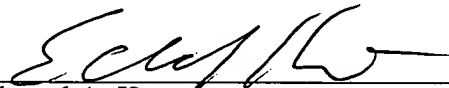
It is noted that the foregoing document was cited by the Examiner during prosecution of co-pending Application No. 09/862,328, which application has already been cited in the subject application in an Information Disclosure Statement dated August 21, 2001.

The subject application has received an Office Action on the merits, but none of a final action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution on the merits has been mailed by the Patent Office. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by

the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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